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Chief Justice Seeks Written Comments on Judicial Nominees

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon announced today that he is seeking public comment on judicial nominees for the vacancy in the District Court of the Third Circuit, State of Hawai`i, that occurred upon the retirement of the Honorable Jeffrey Choi. The Judicial Selection Commission has submitted the names of six individuals for the vacancy as follows:

Harry P. Freitas Glenn S. Hara John P. Moran Alvin K. Nishimura Matthew S. K. Pyun, Jr. Barbara T. Takase

Anyone who would like to comment about the character and qualifications of the nominees before the Chief Justice makes his selection should mail, fax, or deliver their written comments to:

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon Supreme Court of Hawai`i 417 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813 Fax: 539-4703

WRITTEN comments must be post-marked, faxed, or delivered **no later than FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003.** Comments may be delivered to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 417 S. King Street (the building directly behind the Kamehameha statue, first floor). ALL COMMENTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

The individual selected by the Chief Justice is subject to Senate confirmation.

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